

Purchasing Department

116 West Jefferson Street
Thomasville, Georgia 31799
229-225-4100



October 19, 2026
INVITATION TO BID
Fire Turnout Gear 2026

You are invited to submit a sealed bid for providing the following **Fire Turnout Gear** for the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Attached are the general conditions, standard instructions, bid specification, and bid form. Variation from the given specifications should be noted on the bid form with an explanation of said variation(s) attached. Bids are to be marked with bidder's name and address and labeled: **Bid for "Fire Turnout Gear 2026"** and mailed or delivered to the following address no later than 2:00 p.m.; local time, Thursday, November 12, 2026.

Deadline/Bid opening : 11/12/2026 2:00 a.m.

Committee Review: 12/01/2026 4:00 p.m.

Tentative Award Date: 12/08/2026 9:00 a.m.

Address all bids to:

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEALED - Bid for "Fire Turnout Gear 2026"
ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 920
116 West Jefferson Street, Room 220
Thomasville, Georgia 31799

Any inquiries concerning this bid should be made to Nisha Thurman, Purchasing Agent, at the above location or at (229) 225-4100. nisha.thurman@thomascountyga.gov

PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF THIS INVITATION TO BID.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

No bids received after said time or at any place other than the time and place stated in the notice will be considered.

At the discretion of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners, bids will be awarded in whole or in part.

WITHDRAWAL OF BID:

A bidder may withdraw his bid before the expiration of the time during which bids may be submitted without prejudice to the bidder, by submitting a written request of withdrawal to the Thomas County Board of Commissioners, Purchasing Department.

REJECTION OF BID:

Thomas County may reject any and all bids, and must reject a bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any formal contract with Thomas County. Also, the right is reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid in the bidding procedure. Thomas County will be the sole judge which bid is best, and in ascertaining this, will take into consideration the business integrity, financial resources, facilities for performing the work, and experience in similar operation or product of the various bidders.

STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The bidder may be required, upon request, to prove to the satisfaction of Thomas County that he/she has the skill and experience and the necessary facilities and ample financial resources to perform the contract(s) in a satisfactory manner and within the required time. If the available evidence of competency of any bidder is not satisfactory, the bid of such bidder may be rejected, the successful bidder is required to comply with and abide by all applicable federal and state laws in *effect* at the time the contract is awarded.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that such bid is genuine and not fraudulent or collusive or made in the interest or in behalf of any person not therein named, and that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a fraudulent bid, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding and that the bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that bidder any advantage over any other bidder.

INTEREST OF:

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents and warrants that neither a commissioner nor Chairman of Thomas County has, in any manner, an interest, directly or indirectly in the bid or in the contract that may be made under it, or in any expected profits to arise therefrom.

DOCUMENTS DEEMED PART OF THE CONTRACT:

The notice, invitation to bidders, general conditions, and instructions for bidders, special conditions, specifications, bid and addenda, if any, will be deemed part of the contract.

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. The written specifications contained in this bid will not be changed or superseded except by written addendum from Thomas County. Failure to comply with the written specifications for this bid may result in disqualification by Thomas County.
2. **All goods and materials will be F.O.B. Thomas County Fire, 1202 Remington Avenue, Thomasville, GA. 31792 - no freight or postage charges will be paid by Thomas County unless such charges are included in the bid price.**
3. All bids must be sealed, received and in-hand at bid due date and time. Each bidder assumes the responsibility for having his/her bid received at the designated time and place without consideration, regardless of the postmark. Thomas County accepts no responsibility for mail delivery.
4. Each bid form submitted must include the name of the business, mailing address, the name, title and signature of the person submitting the bid. When submitting a bid package to Thomas County, the first page of your bid package should be the Bid Form listing price, delivery, etc. unless the bid form is requested to be in a separate sealed envelope.
5. No bids received after said time or at any place other than the time and place stated in the notice will be considered.
6. Thomas County may reject any and all bids, and must reject a bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any formal contract with Thomas County. Also, the right is reserved to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid in the bidding procedure. Thomas County will be the sole judge as to which bid is best, and in ascertaining this, will take into consideration the business integrity, financial resources, facilities for performing the work, and experience in similar operation of the various bidders.
7. Telephone bids will not be accepted unless stated in invitation.
8. No sales tax will be charged on any orders. Thomas County is exempt as outlined by Georgia State Law.
9. Bidders will state delivery time after receiving order.
10. Unless otherwise stated, all bids submitted will be valid and may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days from the due date of the bid.
11. Results of the bid will be e-mailed to the bidders. Results of the bids will not be available orally.
12. All responses must be submitted on the provided bid format. Exception from this format will not be accepted. Any offeror who believes that the bid format is unclear shall submit all questions upon receipt.

2026 Turn-out Gear - Fire Department

All quantities are estimates:

Turn-out Coat & Pants - estimated 15 sets needed

Helmet, Gloves, Suspenders, Boots & Hood - In addition to the 15, these are replacement gear, any additional quantities will vary according to condition of current gear.

LION® V-FORCE™ BI-SWING and V-FORCE PANT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING SPECIFICATIONS NFPA 1971, 2018 EDITION

- LION® V-FORCE™ BI-SWING COAT
- LION® V-FORCE™ HIGH-BACK PANT

COAT MODELS: CVBM / F
PANT MODELS: PVHM / F

SCOPE

The purpose of the clothing is to provide protection during structural fire-fighting operations where there is a threat of fire or when certain physical hazards are likely to be encountered, such as during non-fire-related rescue operations, emergency medical operations, and victim extrication.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

STANDARDS

All garments produced shall meet or exceed the criteria set forth in the current edition of NFPA 1971 STANDARD ON PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLES FOR STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING AND PROXIMITY FIRE FIGHTING, FED-OSHA CFR 1910, Subpart L, OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030 and/or the requirements of CAL-OSHA title 8, Article 10.1, Para. 3406.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

All components and composites used in the construction of garments shall be third party tested, certified, and listed for compliance to NFPA 1971. The label of the third-party certification organization shall denote certification.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

The manufacturer shall be registered to the ISO Standard 9001 to assure a satisfactory level of quality.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE

The garment composite, consisting of the outer shell, moisture barrier and thermal liner, shall provide a Thermal Protective Performance (TPP) of not less than 35 when tested in accordance with NFPA 1971 standard.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

The garment composite, consisting of the outer shell, moisture barrier and thermal liner, shall provide a Total Heat Loss (THL) of not less than 205 when tested in accordance with NFPA 1971 standard.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

The Heat Transfer Index rating shall be a minimum of 25 seconds for the shoulder when measured at 2 psi (pounds per square inch) and a minimum of 25 seconds for the knee when measured at 8 psi.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

OUTER SHELL MATERIAL

- A. ARMOR AP: +/- 6.5 oz./sq. yd. 65% PARA-ARAMID/35% META-ARAMID twill weave with extremely durable water-repellent finish. Colors shall be Gold/Black/Khaki.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

MOISTURE BARRIER MATERIAL

- A. GORE-TEX CROSSTECH® BLACK (Type 2F): META-ARAMID substrate laminated to a lightweight breathable, ePTFE membrane; weighing 4.7 oz./sq. yd. (Code 7)

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

THERMAL LINER MATERIAL

ISODRI®

- A. Glide Ice 2 Layer Araflo Isodri (Code K): The thermal liner shall be comprised of Glide™ Ice high-lubricity, stress reducing, filament/spun face cloth weighing 3.6 oz./sq. yd. The META-ARAMID filament yarns shall represent no less than 60% of the face cloth's composition and shall be positioned in the warp direction of the weave in order to optimize their slippery characteristics on the face. Spun yarns comprised of 30% META-ARAMID and 10% Lenzing FR with superior wicking characteristics, shall be used to promote moisture management within the garment. The Glide™ Ice face cloth shall be quilted to one layer spunlace aramid (85% META-ARAMID /15% PARA-ARAMID) weighing approximately 2.3 oz./sq. yd. and one layer of apertured (11-13 apertures/sq. inch) spunlace aramid (85% META-ARAMID /15% PARA-ARAMID) weighing approximately 1.5 oz./sq. yd. both layers shall be treated with a durable water repellent finish to promote minimal moisture storage in the garment as well as promote rapid drying (total weight +/- 7.3 oz./sq. yd.).

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

STRESS POINTS

All outer shell stress points, including top and bottom pocket corners, pocket flap corners, top and bottom of storm flap/fly shall be reinforced using a multi-stitch bartack.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

REFLECTIVE TRIM

All trim shall be sewn with four rows lockstitch 301. Trim shall be 3" Ventilated Scotchlite™ Triple Trim (red/orange or lime/yellow), or Oralite Diamond Plate Trim (Lime/Yellow).

COAT – Coat trim shall be applied as follows:

- A. New York Pattern: One 3" strip shall be set full circumference at the bottom sweep of the outer shell; one 3" strip shall be set around each sleeve approximately 2" above the cuff; one 3" strip shall be set around each sleeve just above the elbow; one 3" strip shall be set full circumference at the chest.

PANT - Pant trim shall be applied as follows:

- A. One strip set full circumference around the bottom of the cuff 2"-3" from the bottom cuff.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

OPTIONAL LETTERING

Size 3" letters of Scotch lite™ (lime/yellow), shall be set (THOMAS arched on yoke, COUNTY straight on yoke, FF NAME on one 4"x18" 1-layer self-fabric one-line letter patch attached with hook and loop).

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

SIZES

Coats shall be made available in even chest sizes with corresponding sleeve lengths available in short, regular, and long. Pant sizes shall be made available in waist sizes with inseam lengths available in extra short, short, regular, and long. Male and female sizing is available.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

NOTE: All measurements are approximate and have an industry standard +/- tolerance. Positioning of parts on smaller size garments also may vary due to limited space available on smaller chest and waist sizes.

LABELING

Each garment shall have a garment label(s) permanently and conspicuously attached stating at least the following language, as well as detailed warning instructions provided by the manufacturer.

DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL.

THIS STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PROTECTIVE GARMENT MEETS THE GARMENT REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 1971, 2018 EDITION.

MADE IN THE U.S.A.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

TRACKING LABEL SYSTEM

There shall be a bar code label permanently affixed to each garment for tracking purposes. The bar code shall contain a unique serial number and shall be able to withstand customary wash and wear cycles. There shall also be a label with the minimum of the following information:

- A. Unique serial number
- B. Item description (brand, model, material color)
- C. Lot information (date of mfg., size, etc.)
- D. Material description
- E. The standard to which the garment is compliant

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

PACKAGING

Each Coat and Pant shall be packaged in a dark plastic bag in order to provide protection during shipping and

prior to first use.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

USER INFORMATION GUIDE

Each garment shall include a hang tag with a website address that links to an online, electronic User Information Guide with information required by NFPA 1971. This guide shall include:

A. PRE-USE INFORMATION

- Safety considerations
- Limitations of use
- Garment marking recommendations and restrictions
- A statement that most performance properties of the garment cannot be tested by the user in the field
- Warranty information

B. PREPARATION FOR USE

- Sizing/adjustment
- Recommended storage practices

C. INSPECTION

- Inspection frequency and details

D. DON/DOFF

- Donning and doffing procedures
- Sizing and adjustment procedures
- Interface issues

E. USE

- Proper use consistent with NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department, Occupational Safety and Health Program, and 29 CFR 1910, 132

F. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

- Cleaning instructions and precautions with a statement advising users not to use garments that are not thoroughly cleaned and dried
- Inspection details
- Maintenance criteria and methods of repair where applicable
- Decontamination procedures for both chemical and biological contamination

G. RETIREMENT AND DISPOSAL

- Retirement and disposal criteria and considerations

H. DRAG RESCUE DEVICE (DRD)

- Use, inspection, maintenance, cleaning, and retirement of the DRD

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

WARRANTY

Each garment shall have a limited lifetime warranty against defects in material and workmanship.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

The garments shall be manufactured in the United States.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

LION® V-FORCE™ BI-SWING COAT

COAT CONSTRUCTION

The coat is designed of a 3-panel construction in all layers of the innovative V-fit design. For optimum comfort and mobility an inverted pleat on each side where back front and back body panel pieces meet shall be incorporated. Each pleat shall begin at the back of each shoulder and shall extend vertically down the side of the coat. A combination moisture barrier/thermal liner shall include a corresponding 1" inward dynamic fold approximately 1.5" from each sleeve seam at the shoulder. This fold shall provide for coat expansion when extending arms forward and shall interface with the inverted pleats of the outer shell to maximize mobility and function of the outer shell and thermal liner. When measured at the center of the back from the collar seam to the hem bottom, the coat shall measure – 29", 30.5" 32", 33.5" or 35" long; 29" or 32" female. Sleeves shall be of raglan design in the front and set in design in back.

There shall be a 6" extended panel sewn to the rear hem of the coat outer shell; comprised of the same outer shell materials. There shall be a 6" extended panel sewn to the rear hem of the coat liner; comprised of the same liner materials.

There shall be five 1/2" x 2" self-fabric straps with one end bartacked to coat shell and opposite end loose with one female non-logo snap. There shall be one strap at center back, one at each sideseam, and one centered between middle back hem and each sideseam. Five male snaps shall be on the liner to align with the female snaps.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

MOISTURE BARRIER/THERMAL LINER CONSTRUCTION

Design shall be compatible with the outer shell so that the liner does not buckle, pull, or otherwise restrict body motion. The left and right fronts of the moisture barrier/thermal liner shall be attached to the facings at the front closure of the outer shell. The moisture barrier/thermal liner shall be secured to the outer shell collar such that when donning the coat an arm may not be accidentally caught between the outer shell and its inner linings.

The liner shall have one internal pocket which shall be made of black outer shell material. The liner pocket shall be located on the left side of coat liner.

- A. Quilt Thermal Liner Construction (All liners except C and G): The moisture barrier shall be sewn to the thermal liner at its perimeter with the breathable membrane-oriented inward toward the thermal liner and away from the outer shell. All moisture barrier seams shall be sealed as required by NFPA 1971. The moisture barrier/thermal liner shall finish no more than 1" from the cuffs and 2" from the hem.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

MOISTURE BARRIER/THERMAL LINER ATTACHMENT

Completely Removable: The moisture barrier/thermal liner shall be completely detachable from the outer shell for ease of cleaning by the use of hook and loop, zippers, and snaps. There shall be a thermoplastic zipper and two snaps down each front facing, hook and loop shall also be located around the entire neck opening. In addition,

there will be a snap for alignment along the bottom of the liner, and one snap and hook and loop at each sleeve end.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

COAT LINER INSPECTION SYSTEM

There shall be an opening located on the coat liner system at the bottom of the liner. This opening will provide the ability to completely invert the coat liner to properly view the integrity of the entire liner system. There shall be 1" x 10" hook and loop sewn to the liner system to ensure proper alignment. This Liner Inspection System is completely hidden when the liner is properly installed into the outer shell.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

COLLAR

The 3" split collar shall consist of two-piece construction shaped for comfort. The collar shall be configured such that when the collar is raised it shall remain standing while providing continuous thermal and moisture protection around the neck and face. To ensure this protection, the two layers of outer shell collar shall be fully lined with a layer of CROSSTECH® Black. The shell collar shall provide proper interface with the liner to ensure no moisture penetration through the collar seam to the inside of coat. The shell collar shall have a thermoplastic zipper along top edge for liner attachment. The collar shall be attached to the liner facing using a thermoplastic zipper. Collar shall be of such design so as not to interfere with SCBA face masks, or helmet.

The liner collar shall be a layer of self-material and a layer of CROSSTECH® Black. The design shall be compatible with the outer shell so that the liner does not buckle, pull, or otherwise restrict body motion. The left and right fronts of the liner collar shall be attached to the facings at the front closure of the outer shell. The neck of the liner collar shall be secured to the neck of the outer shell collar such that when donning the coat, an arm may not be accidentally caught between the outer shell and its inner linings.

A 4" wide CROSSTECH® Black and 1.75" self-material extension shall be sewn the full length of the neck with a thermoplastic zipper for attachment to shell collar. The self-material extension shall overlap the shell collar to prevent exposure of the zipper. Collar closure shall be provided by magnetic closure.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

DRAG RESCUE DEVICE (DRD)

The Fire Fighter Recovery Harness™ shall be constructed of a one and one-half inch wide PARA-ARAMID strap that shall be installed between the outer shell and the thermal liner. This harness shall have a hand loop (16" in circumference) that exits the outer shell through a 2" polymer coated aramid reinforced slot on the back of the coat just below the collar and is held in place by means of a piece of 1.5" x 2" loop on the strap and a piece of 1" x 3.5" loop attached to the outer shell. This strap is then secured under a 2.5" x 4.25" flap that is sewn in at the neck /collar area. One piece of 1" x 3.5" hook shall be set horizontally on shell to align with one piece of 1" x 3.5" loop set horizontally to the underside of the flap. The harness is also held in proper alignment by means of a piece of 2" x 2" loop placed on the inside of the outer shell underneath the chest trim that corresponds to a piece of 1.5" x 2" hook located on the harness. Two 1" x 3.5" self-fabric straps with 1" x 2" hook on one end and 1" x 2" loop on other end shall be set inside the coat in the shoulder cap area to keep straps in proper position for use.

Fire Fighter Recovery Harness™ provides mechanical leverage for dragging a downed and incapacitated structural firefighter from a life-threatening environment. The design of the harness enables the rescuer to drag the downed firefighter in line with the axis of the firefighter's skeletal frame, in order to decrease the risk of further injury.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

HANGER LOOP

An external hanger loop constructed of a double layer of outer shell material and reinforced with two multi-stitch bartacks shall be provided on the outside of the coat at the collar seam. It shall be designed to provide long service and shall not tear or separate from the coat when the coat is hung by the hanger loop, loaded evenly with a weight of 80 lbs., and allowed to hang for one minute.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

THERMAL REINFORCED YOKE

All liners (except C and G): A layer of Semper Dri™ (FR Lenzing / para-aramid facecloth with non-fluorinated DWR quilted to 1 layer 2.3 oz/yd and 1 layer 1.5 oz/yd apertured meta and para-aramid spun lace with non-fluorinated DWR (total weight 7.0 oz/yd) shall be positioned between the moisture barrier and thermal liner for extra thermal protection in a high heat and compression area of the coat. It shall be sewn to the inside of the upper back portion of the thermal liner across the upper back from the back shoulder and collar seams 7" down, over the tops of shoulders and down the front approximately 4" ending at the armhole.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

SHOULDER CAPS

A 4" wide area at the top of the shoulders extending 6" from the collar seam shall be capped with outershell material for abrasion resistance and thermal protection. For additional thermal protection and cushioning, one layer of uninterrupted 1/8" thick, fire retardant closed-cell foam shall be oriented between the outer shell and the shoulder cap reinforcement

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

V-FIT™ ELBOW

The sleeve shall have an insert throughout all layers that shall provide a natural bend in the sleeve. This elbow shall include cut outs, shaped pieces, and darts to create free movement with few restrictions. The insert shall consist of black polymer coated aramid for abrasion resistance and thermal protection.

In addition to reinforcement, elbows shall be padded using one layer of uninterrupted 1/8" thick, fire retardant closed-cell foam. The reinforcement material shall be oriented between the outer shell and elbow insert reinforcement.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

SLEEVE WELL

A combination Chambray face cloth quilted to two layers of AraFlo E89 and one layer of breathable CROSSTECH® Black (Type 2F) moisture barrier leader shall be sewn no more than 1" back from the combination liner sleeve end to form a sleeve well. A 3/4" wide strip of loop fastener shall be sewn full circumference to the end of the thermal liner leader to help secure the combination liner to the outer shell. A CROSSTECH® Black (Type 2F) moisture barrier leader shall be sewn no more than 1" back from the combination liner sleeve end. This leader shall be approximately 4" in length and end with a gathering of 1" elastic. This sleeve well shall prevent water and hazardous materials from entering the sleeve when arms are in a raised position.

The combination liner sleeve ends shall be inserted into the outer shell sleeve ends by means of lining up the snaps then attaching the loop fastener of the combination liner sleeve end with the hook fastener on the outer shell sleeve. This method of combination liner attachment shall prevent any gaps from occurring between the combination liner and sleeve well during a full range of motion. The combination liner shall extend to within 1" of

the sleeves ends.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

ISODRI®

WRISTLETS: An internal wristlet shall consist of a 2-ply knit of 48% NOMEX®/48% KEVLAR® and 4% Spandex for superior recovery. Wristlet to be combination of natural and bronze colors producer dyed by DuPont, and with extremely durable Teflon® water resistant alloy not less than 8" extending completely over the palm with a thumbhole preventing the wristlet from sliding back. Wristlets shall be double stitched and bound to the moisture barrier/thermal liner providing extended thermal and slash protection.

CUFFS

The extended cuff of the sleeve shall be reinforced with a binding of black polymer coated aramid not less than 3" in total width for abrasion resistance and thermal protection. One leather tab with female snap fastener shall be set in the cuff to attach outer shell to liner.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

THERMAL FRONT PANEL CONSTRUCTION

There shall be continuous thermal and moisture protection around the entire torso including the storm flap. To ensure this protection, as well as reduce potential for wicking moisture to inside of liner, both right and left inside front facings of the coat outer shell shall incorporate neoprene coated polycotton extending from collar to hem.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

COAT FRONT CLOSURE DESIGN

The complete outer shell coat front closure design shall consist of a FRONT CLOSURE SYSTEM completely protected by an OUTSIDE STORM FLAP which shall have its own, independent STORM FLAP CLOSURE SYSTEM.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

STORM FLAP

A storm flap measuring not less than 2.5" wide, nor less than 22" in length shall be set on the outside of the right side of the coat opening for maximum thermal protection and clear drainage. The inner lining of the storm flap shall be Gore RT7100™ PTFE moisture barrier meeting all requirements for moisture barriers sandwiched between two layers of outer shell fabric

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

FRONT/STORM FLAP CLOSURES

- A. Zipper/Hook and Loop Attachments: The front closure shall consist of a thermoplastic zipper with a 1 3/4" polymer coated aramid tab added to left bottom for fast closure and exit. The storm flap closure shall consist of 1" wide hook and loop attachment with hook fastener sewn with four rows lockstitch on the left front of the coat, and corresponding loop fastener sewn with four rows lockstitch on the inner side of the outer storm flap. The hook and loop closure shall extend the full length of the outer storm flap eliminating all exposed frontal hardware.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

COAT POCKETS

- 2) 8.5" x 8" handwarmer pocket that expand by means of a 2" pleat. The pockets shall be lined and reinforced with self-fabric 4.5" up on the inside of the pocket with a self-material backer. The pocket shall be set at the bottom of the coat hem and reflective trim shall be set on each pocket.
- Pockets and flaps shall be set with stitch 301, seam Ssb-2 with the top and bottom pocket corners and top corners of flap reinforced with bar tacks for additional strength. Drainage of moisture to be provided by brass eyelets.
- Each pocket flap shall measure 3" x 9.5".
- Pocket flaps shall close to the pocket using 2 pieces of 1.5" x 2.75" loop horizontally on the pocket and 2 pieces of 1.5" x 2.75" hook vertically on underside of flap.
- Shall be located front bottom, left and right.
- One 3" wide x 7" deep full bellows radio pocket that expands by means of side and front gussets to a thickness of 2" in front and back.
- Pocket and flap shall be set with stitch 301, seam Ssb-2 with the top and bottom pocket corners and top corners of flap reinforced with a minimum 42-stitch bar tack. A brass eyelet shall provide drainage of moisture.
- Pocket flaps shall be 4"x 5".
- Pocket shall be fully lined all 3 sides inside pocket with polycotton lining.
- Pocket flap shall close to the pocket top using 1 piece of 1.5"x 3" loop on pocket horizontally and 1 piece of 1.5"x 3" hook on flap horizontally.
- Pocket flap shall include a V-notch positioned on both sides of the flap to accommodate an antenna.
- Shall be located on the right chest.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

FLASHLIGHT SYSTEM

There shall be a 1x12" self-fabric strap with 1-piece 1x3" hook on one end & 1-piece 1x3" loop on opposite end, strap X-stitched to shell with 2 bartacks. Located on the left chest, 2" above chest trim.

There shall be a 1" x 2" two- layer self-fabric 703 flashlight snap holder with 2 bartacks. Located left chest, 3" above FLS573.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

MIC TAB

There shall be a 1" X 3" triple layer self -fabric mic tab attached with bar tacks on each side. Bar tacks shall be a minimum 42-stitch bar tack. Located on the right chest, above the radio pocket.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

LION® V-FORCE™ HIGH-BACK PANT

PANT CONSTRUCTION

The pant shall have a low-rise waist V-Fit™ design with five-inch-high-back panel with hook and loop for support panel of LION V-Back™ suspenders (required with these pants).

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

EXTENDED BACK PANEL

A back panel shall be constructed of two layers of outer shell material, one middle layer of moisture barrier material and one layer of thermal liner material. One-piece self-fabric flap 9" wide x 5" high with 9" x 5" hook to attach suspenders. This panel shall be stitched to the perimeter of the outer shell and shall measure 10" across the top, 19" across the bottom (being graded for waist size) and extend 5" above the pant waist with 9" x 5" loop (see V-Back™ suspender specification).

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

MOISTURE BARRIER/THERMAL LINER CONSTRUCTION

Design shall be compatible with the outer shell so that the liner does not buckle, pull, or otherwise restrict body motion. To deter the wicking of moisture up the thermal liner leg the bottom nine inches of each thermal leg shall be constructed of Semper Dri™ (3.0 oz./sq. yd.), a durable water-repellent finish treated Chambray (META-ARAMID spun) face cloth quilted to two layers of META-ARAMID/PARA-ARAMID spunlace.

(Total weight +/- 6.0-6.8 oz./sq. yd.). The waist of the moisture barrier/thermal liner shall be secured to the waist of the outer shell such that when donning the pant, a leg may not be accidentally caught between the outer shell and its inner linings along the waist and between the legs of the pant. For added thermal protection in the knee, an additional layer of uninterrupted 1/8" thick, fire-resistant water-resistant foam shall be positioned between the moisture barrier and thermal liner.

- A. Quilt Thermal Liner Construction (All Liners except C and G): The moisture barrier shall be completely sewn to the thermal liner at its perimeter with the breathable membrane-oriented inward toward the thermal liner and away from the outer shell. The moisture barrier/thermal liner shall finish no more than 3" from the cuffs.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

MOISTURE BARRIER/THERMAL LINER ATTACHMENT

Completely Removable: The moisture barrier/thermal liner shall be completely detachable from the outer shell for ease of cleaning by using snaps and hook and loop. Nine evenly spaced snaps shall secure the liner to the integral waistband; two snaps shall be set in leather leg tabs at each leg end and hook and loop on each side of fly facing.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

PANT LINER INSPECTION SYSTEM

There shall be an opening located on the pant liner system to the right side of the waist separating the thermal barrier and moisture barrier, approximately 12" in length. This opening will provide the ability to completely invert the pant liner to properly view the integrity of the entire liner system. There shall be a piece of 1" x 5" loop sewn to the moisture barrier 3" over from beginning of opening and a corresponding piece of 1.5" x 5" hook sewn to the inside of the outer shell to ensure proper alignment when installing the liner system into the outer shell. This Liner Inspection System is completely hidden when the liner is properly installed into the outer shell.

☐ COMPLIANT☐ EXCEPTION

STORM FLY/CLOSURE

The outer shell shall have a sewn on overlapping fly front running the full length of the fly on the left side. The flap shall not be less than 2.5" wide at the waistband. The bottom of the fly shall be reinforced with one multi-stitch bartack.

Pant closure shall be provided by a thermoplastic zipper. The storm fly shall be held closed along its length by means of a hook and loop fastener closure 1.5" minimum width sewn with four rows lockstitch, along the leading edge for a distance of not less than 6" from the bottom of the fly closure to the waist area for proper alignment and secure closure. Additionally, one snap shall be positioned at the inside top of the fly.

The storm fly shall be outer shell material, lined with a 4." strip of CROSSTECH® (Type 2C) moisture barrier material

☐ COMPLIANT☐ EXCEPTION

THERMAL FLY ASSEMBLY

A 3/4" wide x 9" long loop fastener shall be sewn to the moisture barrier/thermal liner to engage corresponding hook fastener on the underside of the outside storm fly and facing.

☐ COMPLIANT☐ EXCEPTION

WAISTBAND

The waist of the pants shall be reinforced on the inside with 1- ply of outer shell material not less than 1.5" in width. The pant waist shall be contour shaped for better comfort and hemmed to provide strength with the independent waistband, which shall then be double stitched to the outer shell.

Two-2" wide self-material suspender tabs with snaps shall be attached to waist front for suspender attachment.

☐ COMPLIANT☐ EXCEPTION

EXTERNAL TAKE-UPS

There shall be one adjustment device shall be affixed to the outside on each side of the pant. Each take-up strap shall be comprised of two sub-component straps. The front strap shall be 1" wide x 5" in length, folded in half to form a loop, and shall be affixed to the side of the pant by means of two bar tacks spaced 2" apart. The loop shall face toward the back and hold a nickel plated 1" metal loop. The back strap shall be 1" wide x 9" in length of double layered outer shell material and hook and loop fastener. The rear 4.5" shall be sewn and triple bartacked to the shell. The front section of the strap shall remain loose and be aligned so that it is threaded through the metal loop. It shall have a piece of 1" x 3" hook fastener attached to the loose strap end to engage the corresponding 1" x 4.5" loop fastener at end of strap to allow for adjustment.

☐ COMPLIANT☐ EXCEPTION

RADIAL INSEAM BAND

A radial banded insert runs continuously from the top of knee on one leg, through the crotch area to the top of the opposite knee. The elimination of crotch seams reduces tension in the crotch area to give added comfort and helps to alleviate stress to extend the useful life of the gear. Also, there is an added insert piece in the design to

help ensure that when the firefighter is kneeling or bending the leg of the garment bends in alignment with the leg so that the knee of the firefighter centers on the knee pad of the pants. It also helps to eliminate rubbing of the inseams of each leg against each other when the firefighter is working so that the risk of abrasion of the seams is minimized.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

V-FIT™ KNEE

The knee shall have an insert throughout all layers that shall provide a natural bend in the leg. This knee shall include cut outs, shaped pieces, and darts to create free movement with few restrictions. The insert shall consist of black polymer coated aramid for abrasion resistance and thermal protection. For added thermal protection, an additional layer of 1/8" thick, fire retardant closed-cell foam shall be positioned between the moisture barrier and thermal liner.

In addition to reinforcement, knees shall be padded using 1/8" thick, fire retardant closed-cell foam. This reinforcement material shall be oriented between the outer shell and knee insert reinforcement.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

CUFFS

The cuff area of the pants shall be reinforced with a binding of black polymer coated with aramid not less than 2" in total width for greater strength, abrasion resistance, and thermal protection. In addition, a 3" x 3 1/2" piece of reinforcement material shall be sewn on the inseam area of the pant leg above the pant cuff and below the pant trim, in order to provide extra abrasion protection. The material used on the kick shield shall match the material used on the pants cuffs. The back portion of the cuff will gradually curve upward from each side seam to a maximum of 2" at the center back of the pant leg to prevent wear on the back of the cuff

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

PANT POCKETS

- 10" wide x 10" deep outside full bellows pockets that expand by means of side and bottom gussets to a thickness of 2" in front and back.
- Pockets shall be fully lined with KEVLAR® twill on all 4 sides inside pocket.
- Pockets and flaps shall be set with stitch 301, seam Ssb-2 with the top and bottom pocket corners and top corners of flaps reinforced with bar tacks for additional strength. Drainage of moisture to be provided by brass eyelets.
- Pocket flaps shall be 11"x 5".
- A hook and loop fastener closure system shall be set with 1" x 10" loop fastener horizontally on the pocket and (3) pieces of 1" x 3" hook fastener vertical on the underside of the flap.
- Shall be located on the left thigh
- 9" wide x 10" high, deep outside full bellows pockets that expand by means of side and bottom gussets to a thickness of 2" in front and back.
- Pockets shall be fully lined with KEVLAR® twill on all 4 sides inside of pocket, (2) layers self-fabric on shell inside pocket. First layer 6.5" high, second layer 4.5" high. Both layers stitched in 3" increments to create (6) tool compartments.

- Pocket and flap shall be set with stitch 301, seam Ssb-2 with the top and bottom pocket corners and top corners of flap reinforced with bar tacks for additional strength. Drainage of moisture to be provided by brass eyelets.
- Pocket flaps shall be 4" x 11"
- A hook and loop fastener closure system shall be set with 2" x 9" loop fastener horizontally on the pocket and (3) pieces of 1.5" x 3" hook fastener vertically on the underside of the flap.
- Shall be located on the right thigh.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

SUSPENDERS

SCOPE

A highly engineered 40" red suspender designed for greater range of mobility and reduced stress allowing for three points of attachment to V-FORCE™ HIGHBACK PANTS with hook and loop in back and snap attachment in front.

DESIGN

Two 12" front pull straps shall be constructed as follows: 2" wide elastic polyester webbing shall be fed through 2" metal loops and secured with a two-needle lockstitch at one end. A black military finish steel double dee ring shall be fed through the webbing. The other end of the webbing shall be fed through a 2" wide thermo-plastic dee ring and secured with a two-needle lockstitch. The dee ring shall function as a pull strap for easily adjusting the suspenders for proper fit.

Two 1" shoulder straps shall be constructed as follows: 2" wide elastic polyester webbing shall be fed through the top half of the steel double dee ring and secured with a two-needle lockstitch. The top of each strap shall be secured to the V-shaped shoulder pad with two-needle lockstitch and two 42-stitch bartacks. Two 6" back straps made of 2" wide elastic webbing shall be joined with two-needle lockstitch at the bottom of each V-shaped shoulder pad. The end of each back strap shall be single-needle lockstitch to an 8" wide by 4" high hook and loop panel for securing to V-Force back panel.

Shoulder pads shall be constructed of two layers of 1/8" thick; fire retardant closed-cell foam encapsulated in 7.5 oz. Black NOMEX®. Each shoulder pad shall be 3" wide and 12" long ending in a 4" high back reinforcement pad. Each shoulder pad shall have an embroidered Lion Head Logo.

There shall be two-2" wide self-material suspender tabs with snaps shall be attached to waist front for suspender attachment.

☐ COMPLIANT

☐ EXCEPTION

HELMET, GLOVES, BOOTS

Helmet - Cairns 1044, Helmet will be equipped with ESS-IZ2 goggles and Bourke's.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Helmet will have the deluxe leather headband.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Gloves - Shelby Koala Brand.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Boots - Pull on bunker style with boot height measured at 11", measured in accordance with measurement requirements of NFPA 1971, latest edition.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

All leather, hydrophobic (water cannot penetrate leather from the outside, but water vapor from foot perspiration can be released through the leather from the interior to the exterior of the boot), breathable, 2.5 - 2.7 mm thickness. Tested to be hydrophobic in a Penetrometer for minimum of 120 minutes. Free of PCP, AZO and Chromium IV.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Leather is treated to reduce the heating effect of the upper leather. Sunlight is reflected by the leather, keeping the leather and the feet cooler.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Built in climate system that permits air circulation with every step - moist air is released and fresh air comes in through a minimum of 12 vent holes at the top of the boot.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Inner liner of CROSSTECH®. Inner liner is firmly secured and sealed along with the upper leather beneath the sole for a liner that will not pull out or wrinkle over time. Inner lining minimally glued to upper to prevent detachment and allow full breathability of the leather. Two large pulls on loops at both sides made from upper leather and reinforced with textile strip.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

NOMEX® threads, with a minimum thickness of 30/3, water repellent, yellow in color.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Highly heat-resistant rubber nitrile sole. Oil and fuel resistant, non-slip and non-chalky. Self-cleaning round tread groove base. High voltage resistant to 14 KV.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Extremely low weight PU foam injected throughout sole interior for cold/heat insulation, shock absorption.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Ladder shank with a thickness equal to or greater than 1.4 mm, stainless, 3 riffles, deflection at 400 lbs. not more than ¼" (6 mm).

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Steel mid sole with a thickness equal to or greater than .5 mm; stainless. Puncture resistance greater than 1212 N (272 lb.) with a flex cracking resistance greater than 1,500,000 flexes. Meets ASTM F2413 (Class 75), latest edition and CA Z195 (Grade 1), latest edition.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Anatomically formed abrasion resistant insole. Removable and machine washable. Fibrous leather heel counter anatomically formed.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Steel toe cap with rubber transient to avoid damage to the membrane which meets ASTM F2413 (Class 75), latest edition and CAN/CSA Z195 (Grade 1)

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Profiled exterior rubber toe cap with furrowed seaming at the end to protect from scrubbing.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Sizing: Men's sizes 5 - 16 whole and half sizes. Women's sizes 5 - 12 whole and half sizes.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Three widths: narrow, medium and wide.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Care, Warranty and Labeling: Manufacturer User Guide relating to care and use of NFPA certified footwear should be provided and packaged with each pair of boots.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

A minimum of a 1-year warranty covering defects in workmanship and materials, including the CROSSTECH® moisture barrier, as long as boots are used and cared for in accordance with manufacturer instructions. A copy of the manufacturer's warranty must be with bid.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Out of warranty footwear can be refurbished with the original factory parts which include repair or replacement of stitching, profiled rubber toe caps, soles and insoles. Footwear can be cleaned and deodorized. Additional option of sole replacement only and profiled rubber toe cap replacement only.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Boots should be tested and certified by Underwriter's Laboratories or Safety Equipment Institute (SEI). A current copy of manufacturer's certification must be submitted with bid proposal.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Boots should be permanently and clearly labeled that boots meet NFPA 1971, current edition and NFPA 1992 current edition.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Boots must be clearly and permanently labeled with manufacturing information including country or origin and manufacturing date.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

Nomex Hood - TPP rating 26, expandable face opening, 20" in length.

☐ COMPLIANT ☐ EXCEPTION

NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED, ONLY THE BRAND INDICATED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.
VENDOR WILL DELIVER THE GOODS NO MORE THAN 6 TO 8 WEEKS AFTER THE ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED.

All goods and materials will be F.O.B. Thomas County Fire, 1202 Remington Avenue, Thomasville, GA.
31792 - no freight or postage charges will be paid by Thomas County unless such charges are included in the bid price.

Fire Turnout Gear 2026

UNIT PRICING SCHEDULE

Item Description	Unit Price
Turn-Out Coat	\$ _____
Turn-Out Pants	\$ _____
Suspenders	\$ _____
Helmet	\$ _____
Gloves	\$ _____
Boots	\$ _____
Hood	\$ _____

Vendor Instructions: The vendor shall provide a unit price for each item listed above. All prices shall include applicable shipping, freight, and delivery costs to Thomas County Fire, 1202 Remington Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia 31792, unless otherwise specified in the bid.

Note: Quantities are estimates. Actual quantities ordered may vary based on the County's needs.

It is agreed by the undersigned bidder that the signature and submission of this bid represent the bidder's acceptance of all terms, conditions and requirements of bid specifications and, if awarded, the bid will represent the agreement between the parties.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signed (sign manually, in ink): _____

Name Printed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions) ► _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
				-					

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.